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SUBJECT: JUNE 1 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 1, 1977:

1. MUGABE IMPLIES ANTI-UK CHARGES ARE PRO FORMA

CALLING AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MAPUTO FOR RENEWAL OF HIS
PASSPORT, MUGABE SOUGHT TO DOWNPLAY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT'S STATEMENT CHARGING BRITAIN WITH COMPLICITY
IN THE RHODESIAN RAIDS. (MAPUTO 727, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. OPPOSITION WARY OF TALKS WITH BHUTTO

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD BELIEVES THE PNA IS ENTERING NEGOTIA-
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TIONS WITH CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM, AS EVIDENCED BY A CALL
FOR CONTINUED DEMONSTRATIONS TOMORROW AND FRIDAY TO KEEP
THE PRESSURE ON. (ISLAMABAD 5650, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. RELATIONS WITH BAGHDAD

THE IRAQIS GAVE WILEY A SENDOFF NORMALLY RESERVED FOR FULLY

ACCREDITED AMBASSADORS. NEVERTHELESS, HE BELIEVES WE SHOULD HOLD OFF NAMING A REPLACEMENT UNTIL BAGHDAD HAS INDICATED HOW IT WILL RESOLVE THE DILEMMA CREATED FOR IT BY THE HABIB VISIT: DESIRE TO RESUME RELATIONS, FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES AT HOME AND IN MOSCOW. (JIDDA 3929, SECRET/EXDIS)

4. US/UK TALKS ON SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

THE FCO AGREES THEY SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND WILL INSTRUCT ITS EMBASSY HERE TO DEVELOP AN AGENDA WITH AF. (LONDON 906, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SOUTH LEBANON

BOUTROS SAYS MARONITE LEADERS CLAIM THEY HAVE LOST CONTROL OVER CHRISTIAN FORCES FIGHTING IN THAT AREA. HE MAY ASK THE US TO GET ISRAEL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE CHRISTIANS TO ORGANIZE A CEASE-FIRE. (BEIRUT 2639, SECRET/EXDIS)

6. CYPRUS: TURKS CALMING DOWN.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON AGAIN FOR JUNE 3. DENKTASH MUTTERED ABOUT US PRESSURE, BUT CONFIRMED TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT HIS SIDE WOULD STICK TO BUSINESS IN THE UN DEBATE ON UNFICYP RENEWAL AND NOT TRY TO "BRING THE ROOF DOWN" WITH AN EMOTIONAL SPEECH ON THE GREEK CYPRIOT BOYCOTT. (NICOSIA 1463, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

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7. CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETINGS.

THE GROUP HELD TALKS ON A RHODESIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WITH NKOMO AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MUZOREWA -- THE FORMER TOUCHY AND CONCERNED WITH PROCEDURES, THE LATTER BUSINESSLIKE AND SUBSTANTIVE. NKOMO PROMISED TO SUBMIT A PF DRAFT WITHIN A MONTH. (LUSAKA 1537, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

8. FLEC STEPS UP ITS THREATS

ITS FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD EMBASSY LISBON IT HAD GIVEN UP HOPE FOR US AID AND WOULD TURN TO EUROPE# HE SAID FLEC WOULD GO AHEAD WITH DESTRUCTION OF GULF OIL INSTALLATIONS, AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ATTACKS IF THE US RETALIATED BY MOBILIZING MOBUTU TO DESTROY IT. (LISBON 4328, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

9. RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM BOTHA, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY
FOURIE CALLED HAROLD HAWKINS TO SUPPORT THE US MESSAGE
ABOUT THE RAIDS. FOURIE SAID HE WANTED WASHINGTON TO
KNOW THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD BACKED IT UP ON THIS ONE.
(CAPE TOWN 889, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS) CHRISTOPHER

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